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A Friend

From the New York Times
He's got an awfully shabby tail,
Most times he's full of fleas;
His ears are all mopped over and
He's full of dog disease;
He can go in the kitchen 'cause
He makes such tracks, you
But I can't help but like him, for
He is so fond of me
He's all chewed up from fight-
ing, which
A dog was made to do;
He jumps some when it's rainy,
but
His heart is good and true.
And if I go inside he waits
All morning if need be,
Until I'm through, which shows
that he
Is a awful fond of me.

He ain't a very fancy dog;
Nor very much for looks
I never saw a dog like him
In any of my books;
Sometimes he gets the mange
until
His hair comes off, but he
Don't seem to care for beauty if
I let him follow me.

I only need to pet him and
He wags his tail and barks,
And me and him together go
On lots of jolly larks.
Sometimes he chases chickens or
A tom cat up a tree,
But I don't ever whip him,
'cause
He is so fond of me.

I don't know where I got him,
but
He must have been growed up
Before I can remember, for
He never was a pup;
And maybe folks don't like him
when
Their cats go up a tree;
But I can't help but like him
when
I know he's fond of me.

Negroes and Prohibition

While the country is all agog with the progress that prohibition is making in the southern states, yet there is a cause deeper than the apparent desire to make it hard to get a drink. It is a new feature in the race problem, which is at the acute stage in that section. While the negro has been crowded away from the ballot box, yet he can,

and may return to power through sheer force of numbers, as during the days of reconstruction. The negro of the south cannot resist the temptation to soak his hide with booze, when he has the opportunity and to remove the chance is one of the great causes of the prohibition success there. The negro is the laborer of the south but he is no good when drinking. It may be a long way between saloons but southern hospitality will not be robbed of the privilege of mixing a mint julep, when friends call.—Q. H.

A Lucky Diplomat

From the Washington Herald.
A fortunate diplomat is Mr. William Straight, the American consul at Mukden, who is engaged to be married to Miss Mary, daughter of E. H. Harriman. The romance is another one of those growing out of Mrs. Longworth's trip to the far east. Mr. Straight was in Peking then, and it was there that Miss Alice Roosevelt introduced the couple. Mr. Straight is only 30 years old, but during his service in the Orient he has won the respect and friendship of many notable English and Chinese, and it is said here in Washington that his work has been such that he is likely soon to be transferred to a more important post. He is a Cornell graduate, and he went to China immediately upon graduation. He worked in the Chinese customs under Sir Robert Hart until the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese war. Then he started in as a war correspondent, and subsequently was appointed to the consular post at Mukden.

A Bad Accident

Mrs. Robt. White happened to a quite serious accident last Sunday afternoon. She had accompanied Rev. White to Union Chapel where he was to preach that afternoon, and as she started to go in the church door her foot slipped off the step and she fell and sprained her left ankle. She also breaking one bone in her left limb just above the ankle and tearing the ligaments loose. She was brought home and Dr. Dallas was summoned and set the break and it is hoped that she will get along all right, but she has been suffering greatly all week.—Huntsville Graphic

The New Era, a newspaper at Benicia, Cal., of which Harry Weiss of this city is foreman has changed hands and as the new people have retained him, they have thereby complimented him. The ads as set, and the make up of the paper show that Harry is an artist in his profession.

Spirit of the State Press Poultry Wanted.

Will Ask Akins Hard Questions

When Rev. Tom Akins goes out on the stump in the next campaign he will be asked some questions that will not sound very nice.—Southwest Democrat.

The Consumer Paid It.

The net profits of the steel trust last year was \$45,000,000. The tariff made it possible. And the consumer paid it.—Worth County Times.

Why Not Take Off the Burden

If the tariff duties are a burden on the people why shouldn't they be taken off at the first opportunity, when congress meets next December?—Gallatin Democrat.

A Curse to the Party.

The greatest curse to the Republican party of Missouri is the St. Louis Globe Democrat. The next greatest is the Kansas City Journal.—Lincoln County Reville.

Why! the People Prefer Bryan.

Roosevelt attracts large crowds because he is the president. Bryan draws thousands of people to hear him because he has something to say and knows how to tell it.—Memphis Democrat.

The Fare Is Expensive

Mr. Bockefeller claims to be pulling a cart for the American people. The fare is pretty expensive—\$790,000,000 net profits in twenty-four years.—Edina Democrat.

Nelson's Independent Republican Toot

Old Baron Nelson of the Kansas City Star has begun already to toot his "independent" horn for pretty boy Hadley for governor. Nelson is always "independent," but religiously Republican in his support of men and measures.—Boonville Advertiser.

Consider Them Incapable

It was a singular election they had in the Philippines the other day. It was so manifestly fair that there have been no cries of fraud and no demand for a recount. No wonder the Republican leaders consider it an evidence of the total unpreparedness of the Filipinos for self-government.—Huntsville Herald.

Would Adopt Drastic Measure

The office of railroad commissioners should be abolished. If the board was composed of such men as John Knott there would be no cause for complaint, but with a Democrat and Republican combined against him, he can do very little.—Fredericktown Democrat-News.

A newspaper may boom a town through its editorial and news columns but a critical investor for substantial evidence of push and life looks at the advertisements. To him they are thermometers measuring the intensity of public warmth; they are the pulse which indicates the healthy condition of the collective body of the people; they tell him whether or not the community is up to the times in business matters.

Back Again

T. F. Jansen, formerly of this city, has bought a half interest in the Settle-Dawson blacksmith and wagon shop and has moved his family back from Perry. Mr. Jansen is a first-class mechanic and will be welcomed back to Monroe City.



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Springfield, Ill., Sept. 5.—The state board of health has taken a firm stand regarding the necessity of vaccinating school children. Several residents, on the advice of an attorney, declined to permit their children to be vaccinated. Dr. E. F. Baker, of the state board, was sent to Aurora with instructions to see that the order was enforced.

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Mrs. A. A. Walden and children, of Louisiana, have been spending several days in this city with friends. Hallie Burditt Walden was raised in this city.

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The total receipts at the Paris opera house last week were \$965, the receipts of Thursday night being \$325 and breaking the record of the house. At 40 per cent the opera house company's share of the week's receipts was \$380. Ten years ago opera house stock sold at 50 cents on the dollar. It is now paying 8 per cent above expenses and none of it is on the market, a fact due to the energy and business ability of Manager Bassett.—Mercury.

The total county and township school fund of Monroe county is \$128,436.90. This is the permanent fund. The receipts from the interest on this coupled with the school tax were \$88,822.54 and the total expenditure was \$56,159.39, leaving a balance of \$32,663.115. Of the amount expended \$37,588 was paid to teachers, \$15,625 for incidentals and \$2950 for buildings.—Mercury.

Birdsboro, Pa., Sept. 9.—A large pear growing on a grape vine is attracting attention in the yard of Mrs. Ellen Luft here. It is said the pear blossom pollen was carried to a blossom of the vine by the wind.

After an extended visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sharp, Mrs. Stella Stockwell has returned to her home, Paducah, Ky.

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